

City of Bloomington Traffic Commission Minutes
January 27, 2016 in the Council Chambers, City Hall

Traffic Commission minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings of the meeting are available in the Planning and Transportation Department for reference.

Attendance

Traffic Commission: James Batcho, Andrew Cibor, Ryan Cobine, Judi Maki, Abigail Pietsch, Sarah Ryterband, Joe VanDeventer, and Scott Wickersham

Others in Attendance: Chris Ciolli, Doug Flanagan, Michael O'Connell, Leo Pilachowski, Leonice Santamaria, Chris Sturbaum (City Council District 1), Nate Nickel (Staff), and Scott Robinson (Staff)

- I. Call to Order (~5:30 PM)**
- II. Approval of Minutes** – December 16, 2015. Mr. Cobine motioned, and Mr. Cibor seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed 8-0.
- III. Communications from Commission** – Mr. Cibor reported that the 4th Street and Rogers Street intersection improvement project will kick-off with a neighborhood meeting and public survey next week. The Old 37 and N. Dunn Street and the Woodlawn Avenue Rail Road crossing projects will go out to bid soon. Construction is expected this summer. I-69 work will soon focus around 17th Street and Arlington Road. Please be aware of detours. There were no other reports.
- IV. Public Comment** - none.
- V. Reports from Staff**
 - A. Signage update for the north/south alley behind the Salvation Army buildings on Rogers Street** - Mr. Nickel said staff evaluated sight distances for the alley and as a first step a stop sign will be installed at the southern end of the alley before it enters onto Kirkwood Avenue. There are other codified one-way alleys in the city, especially downtown. This could be a future option to consider if the stop sign is not effective. However, no action is required at this time by the Commission.

Mr. Robinson thanked the Commission for their service. He reminded them that three members' terms are expiring, plus there is one vacancy. and encourages them to reapply as well as recruit others to apply. Next month we will be asking for Chair and Vice-Chair nominations.
- VI. Old Business** - none

VII. New Business –

A. No parking zone – N. Fairview Street on the east-side of the street between W. 6th Street and the east-west alley – Mr. Nickel explained the background on this request as detailed in the staff report. Staff also spoke with a representative from Juannita's Restaurant and they feel they have sufficient on-site parking, as well as free public parking along Kirkwood Avenue. Because of the commercial nature within this block, staff is recommending no parking along N. Fairview St. There were no questions from the Commission and Mr. Sturbaum spoke in favor of the request. Ms. Maki motioned, and Mr. Cobine seconded, to approve the recommendation as presented and forward it to the City Council. Mr. Cibor suggested a friendly amendment to the motion to expand the no parking zone to the entire block from Kirkwood Avenue to 6th Street. The friendly amendment was accepted, and the motion passed 8-0.

B. Safe Routes to School – E. 1st Street - Mr. Robinson summarized the information as detailed in the staff report. He also explained some past history to the on-site parking improvements made at Binford/Rogers Elementary School. He explained that the Monroe County Community School Corporation (MCCSC) originally wanted to bring this request forward last summer, but staff preferred to take a wait and see approach with the school's on-going education efforts to parents. Staff recently received other concerns from parents at this location and thus is bringing it forward as a single request. The recommendations are based on feedback contained within the packet. Discussion ensued on the existing conditions and proposed changes. Mr. O'Connell said the first two points in his letter (included in the packet) are addressed by the proposed changes. Mr. Pilachowski gave a presentation and does not agree with changes that make allowances for parents to park along 1st Street. The school has a system in place that parents should follow. He believes expanding the residential parking zone is a better solution. Mr. Ciolli expressed that safety is a top priority for MCCSC's students and families on and around their campuses. These changes would be an extension to their safety plans. The Commission directed staff to conduct a traffic speed study along High Street near this location. Mr. Cibor said this is a first step that can be monitored, and future changes can be made if necessary. He motioned, and Mr. Cobine seconded, to approve the recommendation as presented and forward it to the City Council. The motion passed 8-0.

VIII. Traffic Inquiries - none

IX. Adjournment (~6:40 PM)

Next meeting – February 24, 2016